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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Chuck Kendall

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2 - 13, 15 - 18, 21 - 23, 26, 28 and 30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1, 14, 19, 20, 24, 25, 27 and 29 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2 - 13, 15 - 18, 21 - 23, 26, 28 and 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 04/20/05 has been entered.

2. The status of claims are as follows: Claims 1 – 30 were previously presented. Claims 1, 14, 19, 20, 24, 25, 27 and 29 have been cancelled. Claims 2 – 13, 15 – 18, 21 – 23, 26, 28 and 30 have been amended and are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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4. Claims 2 – 13, 21 – 23, 28, and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fuh et al. USPN 6,463,474 B1 (art of record, and hereinafter “Fuh”) in view of Dedrick USPN 5,710,884 (art being made of record).

Regarding claim 3, Fuh discloses a program product including machine readable code for accessing compositions, comprising:

code for providing access to a plurality of user profiles with each different user profile (12:35 – 40, see “...database 220, which contains user profiles of authorized users).

code for selecting one of the plurality of user profiles wherein the plurality of user profiles or references thereto (Fuh, 5: 57 – 6: 15, see client and storage medium).

Fuh doesn't explicitly disclose including a reference to a different composition store and a different graphics store and the code for selecting are disposed in an imaging client. Dedrick in an analogous art and similar configuration does however disclose a profile database and a content database as for storing graphics (see 6:10 – 35, also see 17:38 – 41, for contents database which stores graphics as well).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine Fuh and Dedrick because, would enable the user profiles to be more portable and secure (6:32 – 36).

Regarding claim 2, a program product as defined in claim 3, wherein the plurality of user profiles include an internal user profile including a reference to an internal

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composition store inside a firewall and a reference to a default internal graphic store inside the firewall (Fuh, 9: 30 – 55, also see FIG.4, 424,428, 426, and 430, and associated text);

an external user profile including a reference to an external composition store outside the firewall and a reference to a default external graphic store outside the firewall (Fuh, 9: 30 – 55, also see FIG.4, 424,428, 426, and 430, and associated text).

Regarding claim 4, a program product as defined in claim 2, wherein the code for selecting the user profile comprises code for automatically selecting the user profile based on whether the imaging client is inside or outside the firewall (Fuh, 9:44 – 55).

Regarding claim 5, a program product as defined in claim 3, wherein the code for selecting automatically selects one of the user profiles based on a criteria (Fuh, 12:30 – 35, for criteria see username and password).

Regarding claim 21, Fuh discloses a program product including machine readable code for accessing compositions, comprising:

a reference to a default external graphics store outside the firewall (FIG.4, 424 & 426 also see FIG. 3, 220 for database and firewall 210);

a reference to a default external composition store outside the firewall that includes compositions that include a reference to external graphics (FIG.4, 420,424, 426, FIG. 3, 220 for database and firewall 210);

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a reference to a default composition (FIG.7B, 722, see initial state for default composition) further comprising code in either a profile store or the user profile for invoking a method to select a composition as the default composition (FIG.7B, 720 and 722) . Although, Fuh doesn't expressly disclose an internal and external graphics store, and wherein the profile or a reference thereto and the code for invoking the method are in an imaging client, Fuh does show an external an external database (see FIG. 3, 220 behind firewall 210), and also memory storage area for storing information and instructions (internal). Dedrick in an analogous art and similar configuration does however discloses a profile database and a content database as well as PCMIA flash memory profile card which can be used to store profile information in the clients as well (see 6:10 – 35, also see 17:38 – 41, for contents database which stores graphics) and discloses the use of access control security features to prevent illegal access (15: 5 – 7, as interpreted Equivalent function as a firewall). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine Fuh and Dedrick because, would enable the user profiles to be more portable and secure (6:32 – 36).

Regarding claim 6, see reasoning in claim 3, which claims similar limitations.

Regarding claim 22, the program product as defined in claim 21, wherein the code selects the default composition based on whether the imaging client is inside or outside the firewall (Fuh,10:25 – 45).

Regarding claim 7, a program product as defined in claim 5, wherein the criteria is whether an accessing imaging client is inside or outside of a firewall (Fuh,13: 44 – 52, see using user profile and external and internal interface).

Regarding claim 8, a program product as defined in claim 1, wherein the code for selecting the user profile provides a user display to facilitate manual selection of the user profile (Fuh, see FIG.5A, and associated text).

Regarding claim 9, the program product as defined in claim 1, further comprising code for referencing a default composition (Fuh, FIG.7B, 722, see initial state for default composition).

Regarding claim 10, the program as defined in claim 9, further comprising code for invoking a method to select a composition in a composition store as the default composition (Fuh, FIG.7B, 720 and 722).

Regarding claim 11, the program product as defined in claim 2, further comprising code for invoking a method to select a composition in a composition store as a default composition based on whether the imaging client is inside or outside the Firewall (Fuh,10: 25 – 45).

Regarding claim 12, the program product as defined in claim 11, wherein the method selects the composition to be the default composition from an internal default composition in the default internal composition store and an external default composition in the default external composition store (Fuh, FIG.7B, 722, also see 10: 20 – 25, for header portion showing values for source IP address, which examiner understands to be either an internal or external interface, also see Fuh, FIG.4, 420 and 422).

Regarding claim 13, the program product as defined in claim 1, wherein each of a plurality of different compositions references at least one graphic in a graphic store that is external to the composition store and includes data to place the referenced graphic within the composition (Fuh, FIG.4, 218).

Regarding claim 23, the program product as defined in claim 22, wherein the code selects the composition to be the default composition from an internal default composition in the internal composition store and an external default composition in the external composition store (Fuh, FIG.7B, 722, also see 10: 20 – 25, for header portion showing values for source IP address, which examiner understands to be either an internal or external interface, also see FIG.4, 420 and 422).

Regarding claim 28, Fuh discloses a method for accessing compositions, comprising:

obtaining a user profile that includes a reference to a first graphics store that meet a first criteria (Fuh, 12:30 – 35, for criteria see username and password);

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a reference to a first composition store that includes compositions that include a reference to graphics, wherein the first composition store meets the first criteria (Fuh, 9: 30 – 55, also see FIG.4, 424,428, 426, and 430, and associated text and 12:30 – 35, for criteria see username and password).

Fuh doesn't explicitly disclose a reference to a second composition store that includes compositions that include a reference to graphics. Dedrick in an analogous art and similar configuration does however disclose a profile database and a content database as for storing graphics (see 6:10 – 35, also see 17:38 – 41, for contents database which stores graphics as well). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine Fuh and Dedrick because, would enable the user profiles to be more portable and secure (6:32 – 36).

Regarding claim 30, which claims similarly to claim 28, see rationale above as previously discussed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 15 - 18, & 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fuh et al. USPN 6,463,474 B1 (art of record, and hereinafter "Fuh") in view of Dedrick USPN 5,710,884 (art being made of record) and further in view of Desai et al. USPN 6,820,204 (art made of record and hereinafter "Desai").

Regarding claim 15, Fuh and Dedrick discloses a method for accessing compositions from an imaging client, comprising the steps of:

providing a first user profile and a second user profile, with each different user profile including a reference to a different composition store and a different graphics store (Fuh, 12:35 – 40, see accessing user profiles); and

selecting one of the user profiles based on a criteria (12:30 – 35, for criteria see username and password) . Although, the combination of Fuh and dedrik doesn't expressly disclose access to a plurality of user profiles, of a single user and Fuh does disclose a plurality of user profiles being associated with authenticated users, and also being able to create new authorizations information i.e. profiles for unauthenticated users (Fuh, 5:35 – 40). However, Desai in an analogous art discloses user profiles associated with respective users and being able to create views (profiles) for unregistered third party users, which can include unique id information, and passwords to enable access (Desai, 13:53 – 14: 17).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine Desai's teachings of accessing a plurality of user profiles with respective users into Fuh because, it would allow third party users instant access to the desired information (Desai, 14:11 – 15).

Regarding claim 16, a method as defined in claim 15, wherein the first user profile is an internal user profile including a reference to an internal composition store inside a firewall and a reference to a default internal graphic store inside the firewall (Fuh, 9: 30 – 55, also see FIG.4, 424,428, 426, and 430, and associated text); and wherein the second user profile is an external user profile including a reference to an external composition store outside the firewall and a reference to a default external graphic store outside the firewall (Fuh, 9: 30 – 55, also see FIG.4, 424,428, 426, and 430, and associated text).

Regarding claim 17, the method as defined in claim 15, wherein the criteria is whether the imaging client is inside or outside of a firewall (Fuh, 9:44 – 55).

Regarding claim 18, see claim 15 for reasoning.

Regarding claim 26, see claim 15 for reasoning.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 2 – 13, 15 – 18, 21 – 23, 26, 28 and 30 have been fully considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chuck Kendall whose telephone number is 571-272-3698. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:00 am - 6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Dam can be reached on 571-272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Nguyen-Ba', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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